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## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, Portland, to fit for swordfishing.  
 Sch. Nokomis, Boston, to fit for swordfishing.  
 Sch. Colonial, halibuting.  
 Br. sch. Clintonia, salt banking.  
 Schd. Ralph Russell, cod drifting.  
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, swordfishing.  
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.  
 Sch. Yakima, halibuting.

## Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 7½c for gray.  
 Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
 Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
 Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
 Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.  
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
 Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
 Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.  
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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## HIGH FISH PRICES AT T WHARF.

### Boston Dealers Have Meagre Supply This Morning.

The receipts of fish at Boston today are confined to seven trips, all of which are very moderate and prices as predicted yesterday, have advanced to a point higher than for many years at this season.

The price from 5 to 7 cents for cod is seldom equalled at any time of the year, let alone at a season when the market is over abundantly supplied.

This does not only apply to cod alone, but all kinds of ground fish are equally as high. But few off-shore vessels are attending the Boston market and dealers there have to depend upon the shore boats and importation for sufficient stock to supply the demand. The larger vessels of the winter fishing fleet are now engaged in shacking and their fares are sold at Gloucester for curing so that Boston is minus of this supply.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 22,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 cod, 45,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock, 200 cod.  
 Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
 Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
 Sch. Annie Perry, 8000 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
 Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.75; no sales of cusk.

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## Scotch Herring Fishing.

The Aberdeen Free Press of recent date says: "It is in the fitting out of the craft that are to be employed at the herring fishing that fishermen are at present chiefly engaged at Wick. A considerable number of the crews will soon be ready for commencing operations at one or other of the early stations. Several curers dispatched coopers to their fish stations a few days ago. From that it appears that they anticipate an early start."

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## NO NEWS FROM THE CAPE SHORE

### Seiners Probably Held in Har- bors by Bad Weather.

Another day has passed and no direct news has come from the Cape shore seining fleet, but incoming vessels report bad weather off the Nova Scotia coast, which prevents fishing operations. Those who have followed the coast line from Scattered to Cape Sable, a distance of 330 miles report sailing through numerous schools of fish and should good weather come, it is possible that the seiners may secure some good hauls and be home as soon as the first arrival of last year, which was June 9, when the sch. Judique, the first arrival, made her appearance, and after discharging returned on a second trip.

The report by the Canadian government bureau of mackerel being taken near North Cape, P. E. I., shows, conclusively that the fish are pursuing their course up north, where they are lost to those in pursuit of them.

It is evident, however, to those who scrutinize the situation that the large schools of mackerel have not tended close inshore this spring along the Nova Scotia coast, as the steamers from Yarmouth and Halifax have brought to Boston only a few fish. The net and trap fishermen down there have done nothing as yet and had the fish followed the indentation of the coast good catches would have been in order.

A glance at the situation foretold that this would be the result, for the seiners in April and May reported the mackerel a long distance off the southern coast, and did not tend inshore. In fact, those who have been going south many years say they never saw the mackerel so far off shore before, placing them near the gulf stream. In view of this it is reasonable to assume that the mackerel going north gave the provincial coast a wide berth, as it did the Carolinas, Virginia and Jersey shores.

At Newport today a number of netters are reported with 7,537 mackerel, the largest catch of the season. The boats report the loss of more than 300 nets, valued at \$10 each and four dories, costing \$23 each, as a result of the storm Friday night and Saturday morning off No Mans Land, the worst the draggers have ever experienced.

The Maud and Gertrude was the heaviest loser in Friday's storm, losing 10 nets and a dory. The high boat was schooner M. Madeleine, of Gloucester, with 1,400, Bernie and Bessie of Portland with 1,250, and Julietta of Newport with 848.

## Netters at Newport.

Sch. Tecumseh, 2400 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. M. Madeleine, 1400 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Massasoit, 2200 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Florida, 335 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Sylvester, 335 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Margaret, 300 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Alice, 125 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Nautilus, 125 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Cherokee, 50 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Hockomock, 700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Julietta, 700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Klondike, 700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Little Fannie, 700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop On Time, 300 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Freedom, 300 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Dixie, 300 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Mabel Bryson, 500 fresh mackerel.

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## Good Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. Henry Larkin which arrived from a shack trip a few days ago, stocked \$4800, the crew sharing \$126 each.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kineo, Ralph L. Hall and Shenandoah arrived at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

## Fitting for Swordfishing.

Sch. A. C. Newhall is now fitting for swordfishing.

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## BOSTON NEAR FISH FAMINE

### Receipts Entirely Inadequate to Supply Regular Demand

The receipts of fish at Boston today are confined to four arrivals with small trips of mixed ground fish, and prices have jumped beyond all comprehension. Today the quotations are the highest ever known at this season.

From no source is Boston receiving any fish that is sufficient to relieve the stringent market. In fact, it is nearly a fresh fish famine among the dealers, who are looking in all directions for stock to relieve the situation.

Tomorrow morning the steamers are due from Yarmouth and Halifax, and they are expecting consignments from that source. This together with what may arrive by the domestic fishermen will help to allay the present situation.

The shore boats are not finding any fish and those operating on the more distant grounds are backward in coming in. Not in years has fish been reported so scarce on shore grounds as at present, and it is not known how long it will last.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Juniata, 11,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
 Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 300 haddock, 2500 cod, 55,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
 Steamer Isabel, 7000 pollock.  
 Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 24,000 cod.  
 Haddock \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$6; hake, \$2 to \$5.50; cusk, \$3.50; pollock, \$4 to \$5.

## BAIT SOLD HIGH.

### Shore Fishermen Hampered by Scar- city of Herring and Cockles.

Bad weather made it hard for the few vessels that had bait and reached the fishing grounds to work, and most of the six vessels that were at Boston yesterday morning had made only one set of their trawls and then ran in for harbor with a small catch.

Lack of bait still holds a large number of the fishing vessels in the various ports. Where it is possible to get a little bait the captains have to pay such a high price for it that there is little margin of profit unless the vessels land a large quantity of fish.

Yesterday morning the captain of one of the Rips fishermen paid \$1.25 a bucket for cockles and the captains of the trawlers who were fortunate enough to get herring paid \$2 and \$3 a bushel. That is at the rate of \$6 and \$9 a barrel, and the price of the cockles is higher than was ever known before.

## Lobsters Planted Off Portland.

The U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet was at Portland on Monday after having made a liberal distribution of "short" lobsters from the Boothbay hatchery into the waters in the vicinity. She dropped five million fry off Littlejohn island, five million off Clapboard island and five million in Peaks island roads. Capt. Greenleaf had been intending to make this distribution at the westward, but on coming up from the hatchery he encountered such a heavy sea outside that he changed his mind and dropped his load as above mentioned. He will return to Boothbay this morning and on Friday will go to the Isles of Shoals and Kennebunkport, where he will deliver fifteen million more of the little shorts. The Gannet is doing a hustling business, having on Monday last dropped fourteen million lobster fry at Cape Porpoise, York Harbor, Pepperell Cove (Kittery) and Little New Harbor, N. H.

### Large Herring Schooling Along the Shore.

The pollock seining fleet operating off here which went out yesterday report seeing numerous schools of herring and those which returned secured small hauls of the largest kind which met with ready sale. They report seeing no pollock and think that the herring have now made their appearance and that pollock have left the coast. It is something unusual the skippers say for large herring to strike off here at this season, and those seining along the shore may make some good hauls.



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# THIRTY-TWO SEINERS AT LOUISBURG

## Total Catch of the Fleet Reported as Only 1700 Barrels.

"Any news from the Cape Shore fleet?" is the question heard on every side, and no one appeared to be able to vouchsafe the much desired information.

The only direct news from that source was received by a special dispatch to the Times from Louisburg, C. B., this morning, whose correspondent reported 32 seiners at that port yesterday. He had made a canvass of this large fleet and found their total catch which they had on board aggregated 1700 barrels. This is but an average of a fraction over 50 barrels, a very small catch indeed.

The remainder of the fleet were between that place and Canso, which is good fishing ground at this season of the year.

From Louisburg to Scatterie is but 15 miles which in fishing parlance is the "jumping off place," when the mackerel enter the gulf and are lost to the fishermen.

As reported for a week or more, mackerel are being taken at the Magdalenes and on the north side of Prince Edward island, and also a few in nets at Caraqueet, Bay Chaleur. Indeed they cannot get much farther north in that direction unless they go up among the saw mills at Dalhousie, which is at the very head of the bay.

Seiners at this season were never known to catch mackerel at the Magdalenes or off Prince Edward island, where mackerel have made their appearance so early. However, as the most of the vessels are reported at Louisburg, which is good fishing ground, and where the fish usually halt, and at Gabarus bay for a few days, they may secure some good hauls before the main body of the mackerel pass Scatterie and into the gulf.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Monday last, reports mackerel scarce at Liverpool, N. S., few taken at Sal-

mon River, scarce at White Head, fair at Gabarus, and scarce at Port Malcom. No mention of mackerel is made at any other place, along that coast.

Capt. Joseph Bonia of sch. Fannie A. Smith, which arrived from a cod-fishing trip to Quero Bank this morning, reports that he run through a lot of moored nets off Louisburg, C. B., some of which were well fished with mackerel.

Off Jedore, he was boarded last Saturday by Capt. Archibald Devine, of sch. Arthur James, who reported to have 73 barrels of salt mackerel.

Capt. Devine reported sch. Oriole as having 150 barrels. He also saw schs. Pontiac and Premier just at night but running to the eastward. It was blowing a strong breeze with fog and rain, making it difficult for the seiners to fish. He also saw a few schools of mackerel that night as he came to the westward, and Sunday was a fine day for fishing.

Several netters are reported at Newport today, all of whom have but small fares, varying from 40 to 300 each. The netters report scattering fish in all directions, but no body to them as is seen by the few mackerel they are taking in drag nets.

### Netters at Newport.

Sch. Maxwell, 300 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Crustacean, 300 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Alice, 400 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Reliance, 100 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Wodan, 100 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Hobo, 200 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 500 fresh mackerel.  
Steamer George Hudson, 40 barrels fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 2400 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Jennie Gilbert, 500 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 500 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Massasoit, 2200 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Dixie, 600 fresh mackerel.

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# SHACKERS ARE COMING SLOWLY

## Light Fish Receipts at This Port Today.

Receipts of both fresh and salt fish at this port today are of a light order, and confined to one bank fare of salt cod of 250,000 pounds and 70 barrels of fresh herring.

The eastern shacking fleet are not coming along as fast as was expected, making it evident that the vessels are not having their usual luck of the last three or four years, when they were arriving with big trips.

Another vessel of the salt bank trawling fleet arrived, making five in all that have come home, which is much earlier than last year. By the last of the week it is expected that a number of vessels which have been out five and six weeks will arrive and that the present small receipts will be increased.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Quera Banks, 250,000 lbs salt cod., 4000 lbs. flitches.  
Sch. Grace Darling, via Boston.  
Sch. Clara F. Silva, via Boston.  
Steamer Bryda F., shore, seining, 30 bbls. herring.  
Steamer Jeffrey, shore, seining, 25 bbls. herring.  
Steamer Charles Dyer, shore, seining, 13 bbls. herring.  
Steamer Water Witch, shore seining, 5 bbls. herring.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.  
Sch. Mettacommet, swordfishing.  
Sch. Esther Gray, swordfishing.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, shacking.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, swordfish-ing.  
Sch. Juno, halibuting.  
Sch. Genesta, haddocking.  
Sch. Eugenia, cod drifting.  
Sch. Richard, shacking.  
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Boston.  
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, pollock seining.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.  
Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

### Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 7½c for gray.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt headline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium lo., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 70 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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### SEINERS AT CANSO.

Two of the Local Fleet Have Secured Fish at Cape Shore.

The following seiners were at Canso, Tuesday last, schs. Moanam, Morning Star, Nellie Dixon, Terra Nova, George Park, Emily Cooney, Monarch, 175 barrels mackerel; Arcadia, Ralph Hall, 100 barrels mackerel.  
Sch. Esperanto sailed from Canso on the same date for Anticosti.

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# HAS FINE FAIR OF 250,000 LBS. COD

## Sch. Fannie A. Smith Has Good Trip From Quero.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph Bonia, which sailed from here February 24 on a salt codfishing trip arrived home today with a fine fare of 250,000 pounds.

Shortly after leaving home Capt. Bonia said they went to the west coast of Newfoundland, where they found pretty good fishing, but the weather was bad, and much time was lost. Had it not been for that, a full fare would have been secured and they would have been home long ago.

When the ice left the gulf they went to Anticosti in hopes of getting some halibut, but it was a failure, for he made several sets of the trawls, and only found a few scattering fish. He then went to the Magdalenes, took on bait and sailed for Quero Bank, where they found pretty good fishing.

Sailing for home he spoke a Newfoundland vessel, who reported seeing sch. Gossip at anchor 35 miles southeast of Flint island, which craft was getting good fishing and they thought she would get a nice trip.

Capt. Bonia brings the same report from the dory handline fleet doing nothing as previously reported, but trawlers, both American, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, were doing very well on fresh herring bait.

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# SEINING CRAFT LOST MASTS

## Sch. Massachusetts at North Sydney Badly Damaged

A despatch from Halifax reports that sch. Massachusetts, Capt. Almon D. Malloch, of Duxbury, one of the seining fleet, arrived at North Sydney last evening in a badly damaged condition, as a result of a heavy blow off Flint island yesterday afternoon.

Her two masts were snapped off below the trucks, so sudden was the crash that the crew had barely time to get out of the way of the falling spars and rigging.

The main boom and gaff also were broken and the mainsail, top sails and all the rigging torn out of place. The vessel was towed into harbor. The Massachusetts has 60 barrels of mackerel, taken off Scatterie.